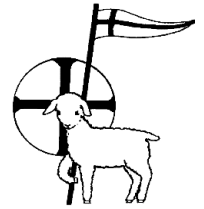


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 21st September 2025

Harvest Thanksgiving

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Camp

Gloria: *Grayston Ives* Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei (Deutsche Messe): *Schubert*
Hymns: 413 Now thank we all our God; For the fruits of his creation (*words overleaf*)

261 To thee, O Lord our hearts we raise

During Communion: Thou visitest the earth *Maurice Greene*

262 We plough the fields and scatter

Organ Voluntary: Toccata (5^{ème} Symphonie) *Charles-Marie Widor*

We invite you to bring for our Harvest Thanksgiving service tins and other non-perishable food items for the Trussell Trust <https://www.trusselltrust.org>

There will be a collection for Farming Community Network: <https://fcn.org.uk>

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by the Revd Mark Hayter

Introit: Cantate Domino

Setting: *Wood in D* Responses: *Richard Seal* Psalm 65

Hymns: 259 Come ye thankful people come; Come labour on (*words on service sheet*);

263 All creatures of our God and King (omit * verses)

Anthem: Ascribe unto the Lord SS Wesley

Organ Voluntary: Con moto maestoso (Sonata 3 for organ Op 65) *Felix Mendelssohn*



Services during the week

Holy Communion is celebrated in St Andrew's Chapel at 10.00am on Wednesdays (CW) and 8.00am on Fridays (BCP)

Next Sunday, 28th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Percival

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, we are asked to continue to pray for the Anglican Church in Cueibet and across South Sudan, and for teachers, mothers and children whom we support there. Pray that they may be safe, secure and properly fed so the children may benefit from their education.

A prayer from the Trussell Trust:

Loving God, Thank you for your love and kindness. You are a God of mercy, justice, and compassion, and yet we acknowledge that these qualities are not always reflected in our lives, in our community, and in our society.

Help us to respond to suffering, poverty, and hunger in ways that usher in your kingdom: to see people as you see them, to share your loving-kindness in the darkest situations, to challenge injustices that trap people in poverty, to build a future that sets people free, so that everyone can share in the fullness of life that Christ offers to us all. Amen



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The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Gradual Hymn

1 For the fruit of his creation,
thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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The Gospel: John 6.25-35

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Well done!

Ride & Stride

John Dalton and Judy Anderson, with the Revd Joanna Naish and her husband Geoff, completed the walk round the Upper Nadder Benefice last Saturday, visiting all seven parishes and walking some 14-15 miles. It was good to be joined by members of the various churches for parts of the route, notably John and Jessica who walked from Hindon to Swallowcliffe. Thanks to all who kindly provided refreshments at the various churches. Thank you very much to those who sponsored us – please would you let us have your donation as soon as possible? Money raised is divided equally between Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and St John's.

It's not too late to donate, either in person or online at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/st-john-tisbury>